

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~--The invention concerns a~~ A stand (3) for a surgical microscope comprising at least one vertical rotary bearing (4). A pivot arm (5) is mounted rotatably in the rotary bearing (4). An electromagnetic brake (6) for blocking the pivoting motion of the pivot arm (5) in the rotary bearing (4) is provided. A mechanical brake (7) with adjustable braking force is additionally present for braking the pivot arm (5) in the rotary bearing (4).

~~(FIG. 2)~~ --